

## SEVERE LOCAL HAIL AND WIND STORMS, FEBRUARY, 1926

[The table herewith contains such data as have been received concerning severe local storms that occurred during the month. A more complete statement will appear in the Annual Report of the Chief of Bureau]

Place	Date	Time	Width of path, yards	Loss of life	Value of property destroyed	Character of storm	Remarks	Authority
California Coast.....	(1)					High winds and gales.	Shipping imperiled; considerable damage to piers and coast resorts.	Official, U. S. Weather Bureau.
New Orleans, La., and vicinity.	2	10:30 a. m.			\$13,000	Tornadic wind....	One house practically wrecked; roofs and fences damaged; wire service impaired.	Do.
West Palm Beach, Fla., and vicinity.	3	6:30 a. m.		1	35,000	do.....	Three hundred persons made homeless; trucks and touring cars wrecked; wires and trees prostrated; many persons injured.	Official, U. S. Weather Bureau Journal (Jacksonville, Fla.).
Meadow Point, Puget Sound, Wash.	3	A. m.			18,000	High wind.....	Deck load of barge lost.	Official, U. S. Weather Bureau.
Cecil, Kent, and Talbot Counties, Md.	3				5,000	do.....	Telephone and light service crippled.	Do.
Hartford, Conn.	3-4					Wind and snow....	General delay of interurban traffic; factory roof collapsed causing loss of several lives and much property damage.	Do.
Walla Walla, Wash., and vicinity.	3-6				2,150	Wind and rain....	Power lines damaged by wind; much property damage by flooding.	Do.
North Head, Wash.	4					High wind.....	Trees uprooted; all land wire communication between Astoria, Oreg., and South Bend and Raymond, Wash., disrupted.	Do.
Lower Hudson Valley and Long Island, N. Y.	10					Snow and high wind.	Railway service, motor, and street car traffic seriously delayed.	Do.
New Burnside, Ill.	13					Wind.....	Minor property damage reported.	Do.
Cairo, Ill.	13-14					Thunderstorm and wind.	Communication lines, signs, awnings, and trees blown down; traffic in some sections discontinued for some time.	Do.
Grayson, Hart, and Barren Counties, Ky.	14				12,000	Electrical.....	Several barns destroyed.	Do.
Lexington, Ky. (near)	14				100,000	do.....	Stock barn destroyed, causing loss of 25 horses.	Do.
Raleigh, N. C., and vicinity.	14	5:50 p. m.				Heavy hail.....	No damage reported.	Do.
Bingham, Utah (near)	17	A. m.		36		Snowslide.....	Fourteen miners' cottages and a three-story frame boarding house demolished; 13 persons injured.	Do.
North-central and northeastern counties, Kansas.	17-18			1	10,000	Wind, snow, and sleet.	All traffic and electric service demoralized for about 24 hours; telephone, telegraph, and power lines broken.	Do.
Calhoun and Cherokee Counties, Ala.	18	6:15 p. m.			2,000	Hail.....	Some damage to timber and houses near Wellington; slight damage in Cherokee County.	Do.
Terre Haute, Ind.	18	6:28 p. m.			400	Thunderstorm....	Poles blown down interfering with street car service for several hours.	Do.
Arkansas.	24	P. m.				Straight winds....	Damage throughout State not estimated.	Do.
Lake Village, Ark. (6 mi. south of), to near Greenville, Miss.	24	8 p. m.	100	7	70,000	Tornado.....	Twenty-seven persons injured; damage in Mississippi not estimated.	Do.
Near boundary of Leflore and Holmes Counties, Miss.	24	P. m.		2		Probably tornado..	Property damage not reported.	Do.
Teasdale, Miss.	24	P. m.		1		Probably tornado..	Practically whole town demolished; 24 injured.	Do.
Vicksburg, Miss.	24	10:56 p. m.				Wind.....	Minor property damage reported.	Do.
New Madrid County, Mo. (parts of).	24	P. m.			500	High wind.....	Several silos wrecked; small tenant houses damaged and a few trees uprooted.	Do.
Nashville, Tenn.	24	P. m.				do.....	Telephone lines down; plate glass windows broken.	Do.
Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio (parts of).	24-25					High wind and rain.	Considerable damage to property; public utilities suffer heavy losses; wind became tornadic in places.	Official, U. S. Weather Bureau; Journal (Evansville, Ind.); Plain Dealer (Dayton, O.).
Memphis, Tenn.	24-25					Wind and rain....	Trees and wires damaged; streets flooded.	Official, U. S. Weather Bureau.
Baltimore Harbor, Md.	25					High winds.....	Slight damage to two lighters and several other vessels.	Do.
Meridian, Miss.	25	1:30 a. m.				Wind squall.....	Minor property damage reported.	Do.
Southwestern counties, Pennsylvania.	25	P. m.				Violent wind and rain.	Windows shattered; chimneys, roofs and other structures damaged in Uniontown, Pittsburgh, and Greensburg districts. Poles blown down; lighting circuits out of commission.	Do.
Buffalo, N. Y., and vicinity.	26					High wind and snow.	Traffic considerably impeded by drifting snow.	Do.
Bismarck, N. Dak.	28	P. m.			500-1,000	Wind.....	Roof blown from brick kiln.	Do.

<sup>1</sup> Continued from January 5. 551.515 (73)

## STORMS AND WEATHER WARNINGS

## WASHINGTON FORECAST DISTRICT

Storm warnings that were displayed on January 31 from Delaware Breakwater northward in connection with a disturbance that developed over the southeastern Gulf of Mexico and moved almost due north, were continued on February 1. Another disturbance moved rapidly southeastward from the northern California coast to the Texas coast and from there it advanced rather slowly northeastward with increasing intensity to Newfoundland, which it reached during the 5th. Storm warnings were ordered from Jacksonville, Fla., to Cape Hatteras at 10 p. m., of the 2d, north of Cape Hatteras to Boston the morning of the 3d, and north of Boston to Eastport, Me., at 3 p. m., of the same date. Both Atlantic City, N. J., and Nantucket, Mass., reported a

wind velocity of 68 miles an hour from the northeast on the 4th.

The next disturbance of importance advanced south-eastward from British Columbia to the upper Ohio Valley during the 7th-9th. The evening reports of the 9th showed that a secondary was developing over Virginia and North Carolina. It seemed certain that this secondary disturbance would increase in intensity as it moved northeastward and would soon become the main disturbance. Accordingly northeast storm warnings were ordered displayed at 9.30 p. m. from Sandy Hook, N. J., to Eastport, Me. All stations in this area reported verifying wind velocities, the highest being 68 at Nantucket, Mass., and 64 at Block Island, R. I., both from the northeast.

A disturbance that moved rapidly eastward from Nevada to the Middle Atlantic and North Atlantic States